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Dear Ms Calothy:

On behalf of the U.S. delegation, with pleasure, I take this opportunity to again thank the French Mission, Ambassador Kessedjian and his distinguished team for your superlative efforts in bringing a successful conclusion to our initial round of discussions at the Inter-Sessional Working Group to Elaborate a Draft Legally Binding Normative Instrument for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearances, January 6-17, 2003.

In response to Ambassador Kessedjian's invitation for comments from participating delegations on the Draft Report that will reflect the deliberations of that working group, I take pleasure in enclosing the U.S. delegation's comments on that report. Our comments are in the form of hand-written inserts into the draft report text and have been provided to you in hard photo-copy for your ease of reading. As our delegation indicated during the final afternoon of deliberations on January 17, our comments on the Draft Report are offered to ensure that it reflects accurately and with balance comments made during the formal proceedings regarding a number of key points.

With that understanding, we hope these comments can be incorporated into, and will assist in final preparation of, the report in question. We look forward to working with you and your delegation in the months ahead on this important project.

Sincerely,

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Attachment:  
U.S. Comments on Draft Report

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